

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SHELDWICH PARISH ROOMS ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

**PRESENT.** Cllr Austin, Snell, Scutt, Brookes, Atkins and Nimmo.

Apologies. Cllr Harbour who has a previous engagement. Borough Cllr Bowles & Bobbin were at a councillors meeting and Borough Cllr Prescott had a prior engagement.

Cllr Austin as Vice Chairman took the meeting.

There were no declarations of changes in pecuniary interest or in items on the agenda.

### **16/8701**

**Minutes** of previous meeting were read and approved and signed by the acting Chairman.

### **16/8702**

Councillor Brookes signed the declaration of acceptance of office and completed the disclosure of pecuniary interest documentation.

### **16/8703**

**Finance.** It was agreed that the Parish Council needs to apply for monies from the Transparency Fund and purchase the new equipment. Cllr Austin requested that the Parish Clerk forward to him the application form in order that he could ascertain both the criteria and the quality of equipment available. Cheque was signed for the KALC invoice for Cllr Scutt to attend the emergency and resilience seminar at K C C G on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Invoice was signed for the webmaster half yearly fees and for Open Spaces annual subscription. After much discussion it was resolved that the Parish Precept remains the same for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year at £8600. The current account balance stands at £3699.68 and the reserve account at £4168.79.

### **16/8704**

**Planning.** Application for a premises licence variation for the Red Lion Public House Badlesmere. It was resolved to support and approve this application. The new licensee has made a good start and the village is benefitting from the additions and new ideas. 16/507964/FULL Demolition and replacement of single storey extension Coach House Porters Lane Ospringe. Although not in the envelope of the Parish Council this property abuts Sheldwich boundary. Parish Councillors raised no objections and support the application. 16/508010/FULL Erection of rear conservatory. Jesmondene Oast Newhouse Lane Sheldwich. Parish Councillors raised no objections and fully support the application.

### **16/8705**

**Kent Men of Trees.** This year the villages did not win. However the judges noted that the gift received for winning in the past was growing well in the Churchyard. Overall they saw no signs of vandalism and all looked well cared for both on the green and in residential gardens.

### **16/8706**

**KALC AGM** report. Cllr Austin attended and was impressed by the Police Commissioner who was the main speaker. He is very keen on community support officers and community wardens. He spoke exceptionally well and without notes.  
**16/8707**

**Age UK** Posters of both A4 and A5 were handed out to councillors for distributing requesting volunteers to help in various roles in Faversham.  
**16/8708**

**SBC Corporate Equality Scheme.** The document was discussed and the contents noted.  
**16/8709**

**B T Telephone Boxes.** Cllr Harbour has raised the matter of the removal of the public telephone box. Correspondence has ensued between the Parish Council, the MP and the County and Borough Councillor for Sheldwich. BT will remove all public boxes that are insufficiently utilised as they are non viable. After much discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would be unable to amend the decision to remove particularly as most residents did have a landline and should an emergency occur and a mobile telephone was not available contact with a neighbour should provide the necessary assistance.  
**16/8810**

Meeting closed at 9.05p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January in Sheldwich Parish Rooms at 8p.m.